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Regarding: Docket # 98N-1038, "Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food"

Greetings,

I am writing to express my concern about the prospect of not clearly labeling for irradiated food. Any edibles, or any foods containing ingredients that have been treated by irradiation, should be plainly labeled with a written statement on the packaging indicating such treatment. The statement placed in close proximity to the name of the food and accompanied by the radura, the international symbol of irradiated food, should be obvious, simple and easy to read.

I depend on the FDA to provide such important information on products so that I may decide to purchase them or not. Please retain the terms 'treated with radiation' or 'treated by irradiation' so that consumers like myself can be informed and not confused by such terminology as 'pasteurization'.

If there is no information on labels, I will be misled into believing the food has not been irradiated. Thank you in advance for upholding your service of informing us of food preparation processes.

Respectfully,



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Food consumer

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